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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## **Online Registration for Winter Fortymile Caribou Hunt to Begin Soon**

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game will be using a targeted hunt to administer a late-winter hunt opportunity for Fortymile caribou. This targeted hunt (AC999) is a provision of the Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Plan (harvest plan) that is intended to provide harvest opportunity to Alaska resident hunters. It has been determined that a portion of the Yukon, Canada harvest allocation for the Fortymile herd is unlikely to be taken before the end of their winter hunt; therefore, following the harvest plan, some of this unutilized harvest will be utilized in Alaska for management of the herd. The harvest plan helps guide harvest of the Fortymile herd and allocates 65% of the annual herd harvest quota to Alaska and 35% to Yukon, Canada.

The AC999 targeted hunt involves issuing special permits to allow a limited number of hunters to take up to 400 Fortymile caribou, between March 21<sup>st</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. To be eligible to receive a permit, hunters will be required to register online at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/> between March 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:01 P.M. and March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 P.M. Hunters that harvested a caribou after July 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 are not eligible for this hunt. Following this application period, 400 applicants will be randomly selected on March 20<sup>th</sup> and winners will receive permits by email to participate in the hunt. Winners that are unable to print their permits at home may print their permit at any Alaska Department of Fish and Game office during normal business hours.

The hunt will be open in all zones in the Fortymile caribou hunt area beginning 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and closing at 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2020.

At about 83,000 animals, the Fortymile Herd is the largest caribou herd in Interior Alaska.

For more information on the Fortymile targeted hunt, call the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's Fortymile Caribou Herd Hunt Hotline at (907) 267-2310. You may also call the Tok office at (907) 883-2971 or the Fairbanks office at (907) 459-7200. Additional information about this hunt can also be found in the 2019-20 Alaska Hunting Regulation booklets, as well as on the department's website (<http://hunt.alaska.gov>).

Successful hunters must report within 3 days of the kill by reporting on the internet at <http://hunt.alaska.gov>, or in person or by phone to the ADF&G office in Tok (883-2971). Hunters who report by phone must also mail their permit reports or drop them off at an ADF&G office. Unsuccessful hunters and those who did not hunt must report online (<http://hunt.alaska.gov>) or by phone (883-2971) to ADF&G within 15 days after the hunt period ends.

Hunters are urged to obtain a receipt when they turn in their hunt reports or to mail them by delivery confirmation receipt. If you fail to report, you will not be eligible to receive any permits (Drawing, Targeted, Tier II, or Registration, including Tier I Nelchina Caribou) during the next regulatory year. Additionally, your name will be turned over to the Alaska Wildlife Troopers for enforcement action.

These changes only apply to state caribou hunts in these areas. The federal caribou hunt on federal lands is not affected by these changes. Hunters with questions about federal subsistence regulations should call Office of Subsistence Management at (800) 478-1456.

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